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### MEDIA ADVISORY: CANDIDATE FILING FOR 2022 PRIMARY BEGINS MARCH 7

**SPRINGFIELD (March 2, 2022)** – Candidates running in the June 28 primary election for legislative, congressional, judicial and statewide offices will begin filing their nominating petitions at the State Board of Elections' Springfield headquarters at 8 a.m. Monday, March 7.

With several hundred candidates expected to file on the first day, media members planning to cover this event in person are advised to consider the following guidance in preparation for their coverage.

- Arrive early: Though doors to the filing area open at 8 a.m., candidates often arrive hours earlier to secure a place in line outside the building. This is because candidates who are logged by SBE staff as being in line as of 8 a.m. are eligible for a ballot placement lottery that determines the order in which candidates' names appear on the primary ballot in contested races. This generally is the best time for conducting interviews with candidates. In an effort to maintain traffic flow and alleviate congestion, media interviews with candidates will not be allowed in the filing room.
- Video and still photographers should contact SBE Public Information Officer Matt Dietrich about supervised access to the filing room (see contact information below).
- Use MacArthur Boulevard entrance: For pedestrian safety, entry to the SBE parking lot will be limited to the MacArthur Boulevard entrance on March 7.
- Know who is filing: Democratic and Republican candidates for state constitutional offices (governor/lt. governor, attorney general, secretary of state, comptroller and treasurer), all General Assembly seats (59 state senators, 118 representatives), U.S. Representatives in Congress (18 seats), U.S. Senate (1 seat) and all judges statewide file with the SBE. (Filing for

independent and new party candidates seeking placement on the Nov. 8 General Election ballot takes place July 5-11.)

- Coordinate with candidates: If you plan to cover filing for specific candidates from your media market, find out when they plan to file. Though traditionally the first day of filing is the busiest, filing continues weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. through March 14.
- Download our [Candidate's Guide](#) for background: The Candidate's Guide contains filing and residency requirements for offices to be elected in 2022 and is a useful resource in election coverage.
- Check our website: SBE staff will [update filings](#) as they occur throughout the day on March 7 and will continue real-time updates through the close of filing at 5 p.m. March 14.
- SBE Public Information Officer Matt Dietrich will be on hand throughout the day should you have questions or need assistance. Call or text (217) 685-4738 for quickest response.

The State Board of Elections is an independent state agency charged with the responsibility of having general supervision over the administration of election laws of the State of Illinois. Elections are administered locally by the State's 108 election authorities.

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